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To: Thomas J. Krasovec; Dave Folkes
Subject: Neuhauser Schedule - critical path and any bottlenecks?

Hi Tom and Dave – I'm trying to get a sense of the remaining tasks for the removal action and the schedule. As always, I am nervous about the weather and expediting things so we don't get shut down by winter weather. We are fortunate to have a window of good weather at the moment, but that may only last for another week or ten days.

1. Disposal plan for black sludge – it's my understanding from talking to you and Tobi that samples for the black sludge do not fail the TCLP so far, although not all sample results are in yet. There are detections of sulfide and cyanide, which may be a cause for a non-hazardous waste landfill to reject this waste stream. You stated there is a meeting tomorrow with Waste Connections to discuss disposal at their landfill, which would obviously be a cost savings to the project due to the close proximity. Do you have a sense of what information they want to make a decision? Are you anticipating they want more data?

If more sampling and analytical data is required, I strongly recommend and may need to require, that samples be taken tomorrow after the meeting and hand-delivered to a laboratory with rush turnaround on the analytical data. If Test America is not meeting your deadlines, then perhaps a different lab should be used. Depending on the analyses needed, a 24-48 hour turnaround time would be required. The higher costs for these analyses would no doubt be less than the personnel costs involved in sitting around waiting for decisions to be made. I was going to look at the analytical data for the black sludge to make a determination whether all of it needs to be chased and removed downgradient, or just the sludge that is in close proximity to the other contamination, i.e., drum areas 2a and 2b. However, if all we have is TCLP data, I cannot make that determination. Currently, the AOC requires removal of the black sludge. If you want to discuss this further, let me know.

2. Test Pits – Do you have a schedule for conducting the remaining test pits for CDPHE? While this is not a requirement under the removal action, I believe it would be a mistake to demobilize from the site prior to conducting the test pits in case additional drums are found.
3. Excavation and disposal of soils in Drum Area 2b – It sounds like we are waiting on the analytical data for these soils to know for sure whether they need to go to the Deer Trail facility and be able to create a disposal profile. Can we expedite the lab providing this data? I know you have had difficulties getting the lab to be more responsive. I strongly encourage you to lean on them some more, or if they are still within the requested turnaround time, consider paying for a faster turnaround time.

Please call or talk to me here on site. Thanks!

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